
Subject: [CCSS] Message # 34: Upcoming Opportunities

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Dear Arkansas educators:

Please find below information about upcoming opportunities in our state for professional learning.

(1) APSRC Conference, October 30, 2012

The Opening Session will feature a young man from Arkansas named Taylor Wilson. He is an 18 year-old Nuclear Physicist. He is the youngest person in the world to create Nuclear Fusion in his garage in Texarkana, Arkansas at age 14. He has also developed a radiation detector for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Taylor is passionate about Science Education and is looking forward to the opportunity to come home to Arkansas.

The luncheon Keynote will feature Marc Prensky. Prensky is responsible for coining the terms digital native and digital immigrant which have become commonplace in our educational vocabulary today. He is one of the country's leading minds on digital learning and is recognized around the world for his excellent presentations. Everyone who attends will benefit from listening to his presentation.

Learn about Special Education. A group from the University of Minnesota, the National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC), will be present to speak about the next generation assessments for Special Education students. The state of Arkansas is a Tier II state in the Common Core Consortium for Special Education. This is a unique opportunity to learn from them about how the next generation assessments will impact Special Education students, what the assessments will look like, and what accommodations for Special Education students will look like. The organization also has a project on closing the achievement gap, which it has successfully implemented for 9 years. They will also present a session on this initiative.

Attendees will receive 6 hours of Professional Development Credit. If you would like more information about the conference, you may visit www.apsrc.net or email Katie Clifford at kclifford@apsrc.net.

(2) Diane Sweeney at Maumelle High School, November 7, 2012. Information may be accessed at: <http://ideas.aetn.org/commoncore/leadership>

(3) Arkansas Curriculum Conference, November 8 and 9, 2012. ADE employees will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. Other opportunities for professional learning are also available. Information may be obtained from content organizations (ACTM, ACTE, etc.) or from <http://cmase.uark.edu/ACC/ACC2012/index.html> or find Arkansas Curriculum Conference on Facebook.

(4) Arkansas Reading Association Conference, November 15 and 16, 2012.

Information may be accessed at:

http://www.arareading.org/conference_2012_75.html

(5) AAEA Association of Curriculum and Instruction Administrators Fall Conference, November 16, 2012. Information may be accessed at:

<http://www.theaaea.org/Page/526>

(6) AR ASCD Fall Conference with Jay McTighe, November 28 and 29, 2012.

Registration is currently full. Information may be accessed at:

<http://www.arkansasascd.org/>

As always, please forward this information to other fellow educators in our state! Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas!

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